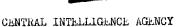
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7. The former German steamers <u>Der Deutsche</u> (now the <u>Asia</u>) and the <u>Oceana</u> (now the <u>Sibir</u>) have already been transformed into troop transports and for several weeks have been lying at anchor in <u>Vladivestok</u>, their home port.

- 8. The Soviets received from the Germans a total of 287 ships with a total gross register tonnage of 700,000. Sweden formerly delivered 50 small fishing vessels to the Soviets (sic).
- 9. Finland has to deliver 120 ships by the end of 1950. All Finnish shippards are working at full speed for the Soviets. All told, the Finns are to build around 600 ships for the Soviets.
- 10. The Soviets are to place at the disposal of the Chinese around one million tons (sic) of commercial shipping in 1950. Formerly, the Soviets gave the Chinese around 300,000 tons of commercial shipping.

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as of May 1949, the USSR merchant fleet (including all vessels over 1000 gross registered tons) consisted of 522 vessels with an aggregate of 1,846,887 gross tons and a total dead - weight tonnage of 2,526,600. This includes 83 U S loaned vessels not yet returned and 155 vessels received as reparations or seizures from Estonia, Latvia, Finland, and Germany.

** Possibly referring to the reported construction of the 35,000 ton <u>Sovetakaya Belorussia</u> and the <u>Strang Sovetov</u>.



